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Applicant : Richard G. Vile et al. Art Unit : 1632
Serial No. : 09/721,391 Examiner : Liping Chen
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Title : GENE EXPRESSION BY POSITIVE FEEDBACK ACTIVATION OF A CELL
TYPE-SPECIFIC PROMOTER

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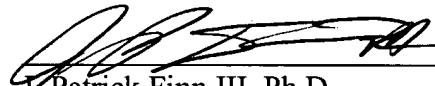
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated August 27, 2002, be extended for three months to and including February 27, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$465 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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